

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 16, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A note-pad comprising a plurality of sheets of paper and a base sheet, each of said plurality of sheets of paper and the base sheet having a top face, a bottom face and side edges, the plurality of sheets and the base sheet being releasably adhered to each other, the top face of each of said plurality of sheets of paper being writable and the bottom face of said base sheet bearing an exposed skid-resistant layer that defines a uniform bottom surface of the note pad and has having a thickness of less than 100 μm , a static coefficient of friction of at least 1 as measured according to DIN 53.375-B on a stainless steel surface of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm as measured according to FINAT Test Method no. 2.

2. (Original) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer has a static coefficient of friction of less than 9.

3-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer has a T-peel adhesion against itself of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm.

13. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claim 2 wherein the skid-resistant layer has a T-peel adhesion against itself of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm.

14. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer is transparent.

15. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer is smooth.

16. (Currently amended) A note-pad according to claim 1 wherein the skid-resistant layer comprises one [[ore]] or more compounds selected from the group consisting of polyolefin based polymeric materials and of material based on thermoplastic elastomer materials.

17. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claim 15 wherein said polyolefins are selected from a group consisting of olefin homopolymers, homopolymers, of substituted olefins, olefin copolymers and polyolefin elastomers.

18. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claim 15 wherein said thermoplastic elastomer materials are selected from a group consisting of olefin-based elastomers, synthetic rubbers, non-curing polyurethane elastomers and polyester elastomers.

19. (Previously presented) A note-pad according to claims 1 wherein the base sheet is a paper sheet or a polymeric film.

20. (Previously presented) Method of preparing a note-pad according to claim 1 comprising extruding of the skid-resistant layer onto the optionally primed base sheet.

21. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 20 wherein said extruding is solvent free.